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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PROFESSOR BERNHARD GAHLEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE, WHO WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH SEVERAL U.S. ACADEMIC AND GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS DURING THE PERIOD 1-10 APRIL 1975 WHEN HE PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY RUDIGER SAEKEL, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE IS AN INDEPENDENT STUDY GROUP COMMISSIONED BY THE FRG TO STUDY PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH BASIC TECHNOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE. ITS LIAISON WITH THE GOVERNMENT IS VIA THE FEDERAL MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND ECONOMICS. IT IS MODELLED AFTER THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY, AUTOMATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. GAHLEN AND SAEKEL RECENTLY MADE A SIMILAR ORIENTATION VISIT TO THE U.K. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HMG. GIVEN THE QUASI-OFFICIAL NATURE OF THE ENTITY AND THE CREDENTIALS OF THE TWO VISITORS, PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE IN THE CASE OF GAHLEN, THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASSIST IN THE MAKING OF APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

2. GAHLEN AND SAEKEL --' HAVE INDICATED THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

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A. HARVARD - GALBRAITH, LEONTIEF, ECKSTEIN.

B. M.I.T. - SAMUELSON.

C. U. OF CHICAGO - FRIEDMAN.

D. USG-CEA, JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF WAGE
AND PRICE STABILITY, BROOKINGS (BERGSTEN), FRB, ANTI-
TRUST DIVISION OF DEPT OF JUSTICE.

E. NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH IN N.Y.

3. THEY ARE AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH ALL THE LUMI-
NARIES MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AND ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS
FOR ADDITIONAL AND SUBSTITUTE PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS.

4. COPIES OF BIOGRAPHIC DATA SHEETS ON GAHLEN AND
SAEKEL ALONG WITH NOTES ON THEIR THOUGHTS FOR THE PRO-
GRAM (WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED ABOVE) AS WELL AS INFORMATION
ON THE ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT ARE BEING SENT UNDER
COVER OF A TRANSMITTAL SLIP TO THE VOLUNTARY VISITORS
DIVISION, CU/IVP.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BEFORE THE END
OF JANUARY SOME INDICATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF PRO-
VIDING THE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE.

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